THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information received from Assam State Government, the Assam State Commissioner for women registered 31 cases relating to trafficking on women and the police remanded 12 girl victims of trafficking to the State Home for Women, Guwahati for custodial care.

(b) and (c) The Assam State Government has reported that it has stepped up vigilance action by police to stop trafficking on women. The State Home for Women under Social Welfare Department has been equipped to take custodial care of victims of women trafficking, training, counseling and generation of community awareness. Victims lodged in the State Home are also restored to parents/guardians suitably. As a long-term measures the victims in the State Homes are extended facilities of training and education for eventual restoration to society.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India is implementing the scheme of Ujjawala wherein rehabilitation of victims of trafficking is provided through Shelter, Food, Clothing, Counselling, Medical and legal aid and Vocational training. In addition, the Ministry also runs Swadhar Shelter Homes, which is a Scheme for women in difficult circumstances which includes victims of trafficking.

UNICEF findings on malnutrition and child mortality

465. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the findings of the UNICEF Report 'Programme for Children' released in 2nd week of December, 2007 that malnutrition and child mortality continues to endanger the lives of children in India; and

(b) if so, how 8.3 million such Indian children will get even semblance of food items having adequate nutrition, to begin with the gradually assuring full nutrition by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per a statistical review report of UNICEF for a World Fit for Children titled "Progress for Children" the rate of underweight prevalence in children in India under five years for the period 2000-2006 was 43% and under five years mortality rate for 2006 was 76 per thousand live births.

(b) Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme with a package of services for supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition & health education. 62.96 million children in the age group of 6 months to 6 year received supplementary nutrition under the Scheme as on 30th September 2007. The number of such children are likely to increase in the Eleventh Plan.